

# Steward / Stewardship and the Bible

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## A. Stewardship descriptive of ...

One over a house ... Genesis 43:19

And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

Curator or guardian ... Matthew 20:8

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. (Jesus)

Manager ... Luke 16:2,3

And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. (Jesus)

Management of duties ... 1 Corinthians 9:17

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

## B. Stewardship duties of ...

Discharge domestic duties ... Luke 8:3

And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Expend monies ... Romans 16:23

Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

Pay laborers ... Luke 16:1-13

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Provide wisely... Luke 12:42

And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? (Jesus)

Render an account... Matthew 18:23

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. (Jesus)

Be productive... Matthew 21:34

And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

Manage public affairs... 1 Chronicles 28:1

And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

### C. Steward indicative of ...

Lord's ownership ... Psalm 24:1,2 & Romans 14:8

Psalm 24:1,2

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Romans 14:8

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

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Our redemption ... 1 Corinthians 6:20

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Gifts bestowed on us ... Matthew 25:14,15 & 1 Peter 4:10

Matthew 25:14,15

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

1 Peter 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Offices given us... Ephesians 3:2-10 & Titus 1:7

Ephesians 3:2-10

Titus 1:7

For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;